

Weekly Views

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Wednesday, November 26, 2008



A crew of 6 offenders and a Correctional Officer from Edinburgh Correctional Facility assisted volunteers at the Lords Locker as they prepared Thanksgiving meals. The offenders unloaded trucks as the food was delivered.

Fort Wayne Parole Office staff facilitated a gathering of faith-based and community organizations to explain the Access to Recovery (ATR) program at the Eagle's Nest Youth Center in Fort Wayne. The presentation focused on the parole population's needs, involvement from those in attendance, and how the re-entry effort improves lives in communities.

2 Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility staff members attended the 2008 Leaders Summit at the Church of ACTS. Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard gave the opening address prior to workshops aimed at strengthening the community.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility's Auxiliary Committee held a staff "pitch-in" dinner for employees to celebrate Thanksgiving. Donations were taken to raise money for care packages that will be sent to deployed IDOC staff.

Fr. David L. Rogers, Chaplain at the Indiana State Prison, spoke to approximately 50 Valparaiso University students about prison chaplaincy as a special ministry for the university's Church Vocations Series.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Vocational Print Instructor Robert Carey has been designated as an Adjunct Professor of Printing Technology for Vincennes University. Offenders in his class will be able to earn college credit for this program.

7 offenders graduated from the Nurturing Fathers Program at the Edinburgh Correctional Facility. The program lasted 13 weeks and helped offenders develop skills to become a better parent and a positive role model.

Putnamville Correctional Facility held its first quarterly Offender Relations Committee meeting. The committee, comprised of offenders and Executive staff, was developed to improve communication and conditions for offenders.

The New Covenant Church provided Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility students with a Thanksgiving dinner.

3 Wabash Valley Correctional Facility staffers have been named members of the State Employees' Community Campaign Torchbearer Society. Rick Watkins, Jeanne Watkins, and Dorothy Morris each contributed over \$1,000 to the SECC.

The Wheels for the World operation at the Pendleton Correctional Facility recently refurbished 200 wheelchairs and 10 walkers that will be sent to the Republic of Ghana in western Africa.

The Continuing Education Committee at Indiana State Prison donated \$500 to the Boy Scouts at Pendleton Juvenile.

Correctional Industrial Facility held a Suicide Awareness Training Session called "Out of the Darkness" with a presentation by Bill Moulton, a UTM for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Approximately 60 staff and visitors attended.

PEN Products at Miami Correctional Facility opened its Officer Uniform Shop and shipped its first 100 shirts. The shop employs 10 offender workers, who remain in the shop the entire day and receive an exact number of shirts each morning.

The 5th Kairos weekend at Indiana State Prison involved 35 offenders and 30 volunteers from Kairos International.

The Shifting Gears program at Pendleton Correctional Facility donated 25 refurbished bicycles to the Indianapolis Metropolitan School.

Putnamville Correctional Facility held a Community Advisory Board meeting, and State Representative-Elect Nancy Michaels attended.

12 students from Manchester College toured Correctional Industrial Facility and had a group discussion with offenders.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner